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(CONTINUED)

At a Council held at the Capitol the 5th day of May, 1739.

PRESENT.

The Gov'r & All the Council except Colo. Diggs.

The following Warrants upon his Majesty's Revenue of 2s. p. hhd were signed:

For half a Years Salary The Governor	£1000.	—.	—
For half a Years Salary the Council	300.	—.	—
To the Judges & Officers of the Oyer & Terminer Court	100.	—.	—
To half a Years Salary to the Auditor	50.	—.	—
To half a Years Salary to the Solicitor of the Virg'a Affairs	50.	—.	—
To half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	35.	—.	—
To half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50.	—.	—

To the Ministers for Attend'g one Gen'l			
Assembly & one Gen'l Court	22.	—.	—
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6.	—.	—
To half a Years Salary To the Gunners of			
the Batteries	23.	10.	—
To Repairs done to the Governor's house	50.	7.	4
To the Contingent Charges	607.	18.	1
To half a Years Salary to the Adjutant	75.	—.	—

The following Warrants on his Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents were also signed :

To Mr. Com'y Blair	£50.	—.	—
To Mr. Att'y Gen'l	35.	—.	—

The Receiver General made Oath to his Acc't of the Revenue of 2s. p. hhd.

Samuel Earle & John Cobourne are appointed Inspectors at Falmouth Warehouse.

A Petit'n of Sundry Inhabitants on the Rivers Nottoway & black Water for appointing a Collector of the said Rivers was read.

The 5000 Acres pet'd for by Mr. Stith to be granted to him, altho' it should interfere with Tshiffeli's Grant.

June 13th 1739.

Ch's Lewis, Gent, humbly represent'g to this Board That divers Years ago he had obt'd an Ord'r for a cert'n Tr. of L'd in the Co'ty of Goochl'd but was prevented Survey'g the same by reason of a form'r Entry made by Colo. Ch's Chiswell That he afterw'ds ent'd for the like Qu'ty of L'd with ye Surv'r of ye s'd Co'ty wh'ch land was then out of ye pretent's of ye s'd Chiswell & unclaimed by any oth'r pers'n. But since his s'd Ent'y Thos. Chew of the Co'ty of Spots'a & R. Rose Cl'k by virtue of a post'r Ord'r have procured a Survey of the same L'd & int'd to include the same in one pat't with a larger Tract grant'd to them or one of y'm in prejudice of the Grant made to him ye s'd Lewis & pray'g Relief therein On Cons'n were of It is ye Op'n of the Coun'l & accord'ly Ord'd that ye Surv'r of Goochl'd Co'ty do with all Conv't Speed lay of ye L'd ent'd by ye s'd Ch's Lewis or so much y'rof as shall be l'd within the

Survey made by ye s'd Chew or Rose & to return ye plan & Survey thereof to ye Secr'ys Office, To the End the s'd Lewis may have a pat't for ye same accord'g to ye priority of his Entry. And it is furth'r Ord'd y't no pat't issue for any L'd in the s'd Co'ty for ye s'd Chew or Rose until the pat'rs pretent's accord'g to his Entry be first Satisfied.

W. R.

At a Council held at the Capitol the 13th of June, 1739.

PRESENT:

The Governor

Mr. Commissary
Wm. Byrd
John Robinson
Jno. Carter
Jno. Grymes
Wm. Dandridge

John Custis
Wm. Randolph
John Tayloe
P. Lightfoot
Thos. Lee Esq'rs.

That ye sberifs who have not accompted for the Q'rents do attend the officers of the Revenue before the last thursday in July to pass their Acco'ts.

On ye pet'n of John Wishart Ord'd that a Patent be granted him for 215 Acres of land in Princess Anne paying ye usual Rights It not appearing that ye land was before patented.

David Mills v Henry & Robinson—On hearing the partys it appearing that W Robinson hath a patent for the land in controversy. Ord'd that ye s'd dispute be left to ye determination.

Mills ag't Carr it appearing that Carr's land was surveyd by consent of Mills, It is ord'd that the s'd Caveat be dissolved the s'd Carr paying Costs £6.

Hoggot v Dabbs & Walker Caveat dismiss the Dabbs ag't Gray & his wife no appear. defen't.

Jno. Chew & Margaret his wife wife pet'n. Ord'd that they have a new patent paying R'ts for the Surplus land.

Curle v Langley Ord'd that no patent be granted to Curle on ye s'd Escheat.

Chas. Lewis ag't Chew & Rose, It is ye opinion of the Council that the pet'r ought to have his land surveyed according to his Entrys.

The Caveat ent'd by Jno Simons ag't Rich'd Mullins the s'd
 Simons giving it under his hand that he relinq'd his * * *
 upon the Caveat is dismiss and ord'd that ye s'd Simons pay
 * * * * *

Powell ag't Mountfort for an Esch't patent dismiss Powell
 paying costs £4:10:—

Hudson ag't fira's West Ord'd that ye Esch't be set aside.

Rich'd Wood v Abr. Wormack dismiss & ord'd that he pay
 ye costs.

Dabbs v Hoggat—Ord'd that the Surveyor of Goochld divide
 the 6000 acres according to quantity and quality. And that
 Debbs have his choice.

On ye pet'n of Jno. Lewis Esq'r Patton Thos. * * *
 Andrew Lewis & Edw'd Barradall, Ord'd that thirty thous'd
 Acres be granted them on Calopa [?] River.

On reading ye pet'n of the Vestry of St. Margarets Parrish
 Ordered that the partys be heard on the 27th day of October
 Court.

Mills ag't Henry Caveat, On hearing the p'tys It is Ord'd
 that Mills have * * * the 6000 acres or so much thereof as
 Mr. Henry hath taken for him to * * * in R'ts in a month
 or else to be void.

Fendall Southerl'ds pet'n for land Ord'd that he have a
 patent according to James Taylor's Survey.

Curtis v Willis Ord'r for Curtis's having ye land.

June ye 14th, 1739.

PRESENT

As yesterday.

Bartlet Andersons pet'n ref'd to Mr. Att'y or Mr. Nicolas.

Wm. Mayo hath leave to imploy Ambrose Smith as his
 Assistant Surveyor.

Wm. Bartlet's pet'n Ord'd that the pet'r give notice to Hugh
 Sanders to cause the Line of his patent to run out & concluded
 or to appear before this Board to show cause.

A Letter from Geo: Clark Esq'r Gov'r of N. York dated 29
 April, 1739.

Wm. Mallory appointed Inspector at Hampton in the room of Mr. Tabb.

Thos. Langhly in ye absence of Jno. Wortham at Urbanna.

Benja. Winslow is appointed Sherif of Essex for the succeeding year.

Wharton Ramsdon for	Westmoreland
Caroline	Head Lynch
P. Ann	John Wishart
K. Wm.	Matt Moury
Middlesex	Ralph Wormeley
Accomac	Jas. Wishart
N. Kent	Jno. Bacon
N'hampton	Joshua Michell
P. Wm.	ffra's Aubrey
Amelia	Chas. Irby
Warwick	Matt Wills
Cha. City	Jno. W'ms
P. Geo.	Wm. Stark
Henrico	Jno. Nash
Stafford	—
Surry	R'd Cocke
Goochl'd	Geo. Carington
Gloster	Henry Whiting
Orange	Rob't Green
K. George	Josiah Murdock
Spotsylv'a	Larkin Chew
Hannover	Jas. Skelton

Ord'd that the Clk write to ye Inspectors at Appomattox & acq'ting them of the Compl'ts agt. them & desiring their Answer.

Ord'd that he write to ye Justices of Lancaster to know their objections to ye removal of their Court house.

Stephen Hughes ag't Drury Stith Ord'd that Hews be at liberty to lodge R'ts at Sept'r Court & he have his land or so much as is not already surveyed for others & if he doth not that ye other persons who have made Entrys have it.

Ord'd that ye Assembly be prorogued till the — of Nov'r.

On reading at this Board the Petition of divers of the Vestry

Men and Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Margaret in the Counties of King William and Caroline complaining of an Irregular Order of Vestry made in the said Parish the 24th of April last by seven Members of the s'd Vestry making Void a former Order of the 2d of October preceeding where ten Vestry Men were present, for the Building a Church in the said Parish, whereby the Inhabitants of the same are likely to be greatly oppressed, It is Ordered by the Governor with the Advice of the Council That the several Parties do Attend this Board on the 10th day of the next Gen'l Court in Order to a full hearing of the several Allegations And in the mean time that all further proceedings towards the Erecting either of the Churches proposed be suspended of which the Church Wardens & Vestry Men of the said Parish are hereby required to take Notice & to Conform themselves accordingly.

Several Petitions for Land were read & granted as follows Viz:

To Charles Fisher 2000 Acres on Staunton River high up Roanoke River begin'g on Otter* Creek on the south side & running on both sides Staunton River.

To Wm. Marable 2000 Acres in Goochland County begining at a White Oak marked W M on Hardway River about a Mile above Benj. Woodsons upper Entry & ru'ing thence up the River & on both sides thereof to compleat that Quantity.

To Wm. Eppes 800 Acres in Prince George County begining at his own Corner on the South side of Joseph's Swamp thence along his own Line to a place Called Cotten's Branch to the Fork Thence up the South Fork to Rich'd Carliles Line & his own Line including two former Surveys One of one hundred & the other of one hundred & seventy two Acres & to have an Inclusive Patent for the Whole.

To Edw'd Clanton 1000 Acres of Land in Brunswick County joining on the Lands of Henry Beddingfield including 760 Acres Already patented, & to have an Inclusive patent for the whole.

*Otter creek or river rises in the Blue Ridge in the present Bedford county, and flows through that county and the present Campbell into the Staunton.

To Thomas Harding 1300 on both sides falling Creek of Buffalo River joining Randolphs Lines.

To Edward Thweat, Hon. Thweat & Jno. Mitchell 4000 Acres of Land in Brunswick County joining on Rich'd Stokes on both sides of Creek and on the Branches of Dry Creek in one or more Surveys.

To John Bagley 900 Acres on the south side Bush River joining on the Line of Haskin & Randolph in Amelia County.

To Wm. Winch & Jno. Ganaway 6000 Acres beginning at a White Oak on Vaughan's Creek Amelia County marked I C thence up the said Creek & over the Ridges to the Branches of Cubbs Creek.

To Thom's Dickson 1000 Acres including a former Survey of 400 Acres beginning at a Corner Red Oak of Jno. Winteilds & his own lines thence along Winfeilds Line to a Branch Thence down a Branch to a blazed Poplar Thence to a blazed White Oak in Col. Rob't Munford's Line where Martha Alex'r lives thence along his line to the Church Road & round to the beginning.

To Jno. Goodwyn 800 Acres in Surry County beginning on Wm. Sanders' Line on Pidgeon Creek Swamp on the North side thereof thence up the said Swamp to Benj. Harrison's Line taking all the Waste Lands between the said Lines for Compliment including his plantation where he now lives being a Survey of 425 Acres & to have an Inclusive Patent.

To the Rev'd John Ormsbey two thousand Acres of Land, the one part upon the first Fork of the first Fork of Little Roanoke als licking Hole beginning at the said Fork the other begin'g at the North West Corner of Carghills second uppermost Survey on Staunton River runing downwards along & of from that & the adjoining Lines for Complem't.

July the 31st, 1739.

PRESENT:

The Governor

Cole Digges

John Custis

Jno. Grymes

P. Lightfoot Esq'rs.

On reading a letter from the Gov'r of N. York dated ye 14th

instant. It is ye opinion of this Board that notice be given to the Frontier Inhab'ts to be on their Guard and a Message sent over-land to ye Cattawbaws & Cherokees.

The Acco't of his Ma'tys Revenue of Q'trents to this time being ex'd by the Aud'r & sworn to by the Rec'r Gen'l was certified & passed by the Gov'r in Council.

A Mem'l of J. Grymes Esq'r to ye Lo'ps of the Treasury read & approved & ord'd to be sent to Mr. Leheup to be presented to their Lo'ds.

Ord'd that a new Com'n of the peace issue for Northumberl'd & that Travers Colston Sam'l Blackburn & Rob't Jones be added to ye Com'n.

ffor Charles City & Hardaman to be left out & Sam'l Harwood junior of Wyanoke & Edw'd Epes, Benskin Marston & David Stokes added.

Jno. Tabb appointed Inspector at Hampton in the room of Mr. Kerby dec'd.

Hudson Allen app'td Sherif of James City.

Matthew Yuil Sherif of Northumber'ld for this curr't year.

Jno. Hooe Sherif for Stafford.

The Gov'r communicated a letter from the Cattawbaws discovering that they had found out some of their Nation murdered the English on Cohoagarooton* last year And that they had put them all to death for it, Ord'd that it be our Instruction to ye person to go to them to acq't them that the Gov'r takes it kindly as an effect of their friendship.

Oct'r 23, 1739.

PR'SENT:

The Govern'r.

Jas. Blair

Wm. Bird

Cole Diggs

Jno. Robinson

John Carter

John Grymes

John Custis

John Tailoe

Phi. Lightfoot &

Thos. Lee, Esq'rs.

Benja. Neddler sworn Clerk of the Council.

* See *ante*, page 118.

His Maj'ties Warrant under his Sign Manual for authorizing & empowering the Govern'r to grant Commissions of Marque & Reprisal was read.*

And also a Letter from the Duke of Newcastle Dated at White Hall June 15th, 1739.

Also a L'r from S'r Yelverton Peyton.†

The Govern'r desired to Issue a Proclamation That no Sea Man belonging to his Maj'ties Ships of War be suffered to pass w'th'out a Certificate from their respective Comanders.

The Petition of William Eaton was read.

Ord'd that a Comission Issue appointing Joseph Strother Sherif of King George.

Aug: Moore jun'r Sher. of King William.

James Kemp Sher. of Princess Anne.

Henry Anderson Coron'r for Amelia.

Nathaniel Newton Coron'r of Princess Anne.

Mr. William Gooch‡ appointed Naval Officer of York River.

Samuel Givens 1000 Acres in Orange paying rights.

James Carthy the same.

Oct'r 25, 1739.

PR'SENT:

The Govern'r.

Jas. Blair

Wm. Byrd

Cole Diggs

Jno. Robinson

John Grymes

John Carter

John Custis

John Tayloe

Phi. Lightfoot &

Thos. Lee, Esq'rs.

Colo. Bird's Petition read & 12 Months time allowed him.

His Majesties approbation & ratification of an Act§ to dock the

* This was on account of the war between England and Spain.

† Sir Yelverton Peyton, commanding the Hector man-of-war, had arrived in Virginia from England after assisting in conveying General Oglethorpe to Georgia.

‡ William Gooch was the only son of Governor Gooch and died before him, without issue.

§ See *Hening*, V, 536. In August, 1736, an act had been passed docking the entail on a large tract of land in King William county belonging

Entail of certain Lands whereof Lewis Burwell Esq'r is seized and for settling other Lands & Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses.

read & to be recorded.

Pr'sent Wm. Randolph, Esq'r.

On reading the Petition & Complaint of John Colvil ag'st John Mercer Atto. at Law & the Examination of several Witnesses their Hon'rs are of Opinion that the said Mercer be not admitted to Practice as an Attorney in Prince William.

Ja: Gibson & ——— Smith appointed Inspect'rs at Pungoteague.

Ralph Justice & Javice Pitts at Pitts & Guildford.

Edward Robin & John Kendall at Cherry Stones & Hungers.

John Foard cont'd & John Dean appointed at Nailors.

Ord'd that Colo. Simonds be sumoned to Answ'r the Petition of the Nottoway Indians.

John Robinson Esq'r William Gooch jun'r Esq'r Henry Robinson Thomas Lewis & Andrew Lewis have leave to enter for a Survey 30,000 Acres in Orange lying to the South South West & North West of the Calves pasture heretofore granted to Edward Barradall & John Lewis.

William Rand 2000 Acres in Goochland on the upper side of Shipson's Creek on the North side of James River & so running up to include the s'd 2000 Acres.

Nov'r 1, 1739.

PR'SENT:

The Govern'r.

Ja: Blair

Wm. Bird

Cole Diggs

John Robinson

John Grimes

John Carter

John Custis

Wm Randolph

John Tayloe

Phi. Lightfoot &

Thomas Lee Esq'rs

to Lewis Burwell, of "Kingsmill," James City county, who had recently built a mansion house and made other considerable improvements on his estate in James City county. The "Kingsmill" house a large brick mansion overlooking James river, was destroyed many years ago.

Indian Creek in North land Geo Oldham and John Kent
Inspect'rs.

King George: Falmouth, James Strother appointed.

Gloucester: Deacons neck, William Kemp.

Porropotank, James Batop.

Hayes's, Richard Cary, James Hayes.

Lancaster: Corotomon & Davis'es, Dale Carter in the
room of Joseph Carter.

Eliz. City; Hampton, Thomas Parson & Sam'll Haw-
kins.

King William Ayletts, Rich'd Gwathmey and Phillip
Aylett appointed.

Prince George: Appomattox, Christopher. Martin in the
room of Jones.

Munfords, Thomas Short.

Macocks, Thomas Harrison.

Middlesex: Kemps, Churchill Jones.

Surry: Cabbin Point, Thomas Cock.

Justices for Westmoreland, James Steptoe, Robert Vault,
James Berryman, Presly Cox, Charles Ashton, to be added.

Richmond: John Smith & Will'm Brockenbrough.

Amelia: George Walker, Abraham Cock & Richard Clark.

Orange: James Wood, Jno. McDowel & Richard Woods.

Spotsylvania: John Grame & Hancock Lee to be left out
and John Edwards, John Taliaferro jun'r & Elliott Benger to be
added.

The Assembly to be prorogued to the last Thursday in Jan'ry.

M'r Receiv'r General pr'sented his Acc't of Contingent
Charges from the 25th April 1739 to the 25th of Oct'r 1739.

Also an Acc't of Work done at the Govern'rs House in the
same time.

Nov'r 3'd, 1739.

PRESENT:

The Govern'r.

Ja: Blair
Cole Diggs

Jno. Grymes
Wm. Randolph

Jno. Robinson Jno. Custis
Jno. Carter Jno. Tayloe &

Ph. Lightfoot Esq'rs.

The following Warr'ts upon his Maj'ties Revenue of two Shil'gs a Hh'd—were signed.

A Warrant for half a Years Salary to the Governor	1000.	—.	—
A Warrant for half a Years Sallary to the Council	300.	—.	—
To the Judges & other Officers of a Court of Oyer & Terminer	100.	—.	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50.	—.	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Sollicitor of Virginia affairs	50.	—.	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Atto. General	35.	—.	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Clerk of the Council	50.	—.	—
To the Ministers attending one General Court	6.	—.	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Armourer	6.	—.	—
For half a Years Sallary to the Gunners of the Battaries	23.	10.	—
For repairs done to the Govern'rs House	78.	2.	6
For contingent Charges	393.	13.	11
For half a Years Sallary to the Adjutant .	75.	—.	—
Warrants upon the Quit Rents			
Mr. Commissary Blair	50.	—.	—
Mr. Attorney General	35.	—.	—
Mr. Receiv'r General made Oath to his Account of the Revenue of 2s. p Hh'd.			

April 3d, 1740.

P'SENT:

The Governor.

James Blair	John Carter
Cole Diggs	John Custis &
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot, Esq'rs.

A Le'r from the L'ds Commissioners of Trade & Plantations dated at White Hall, July 5th, 1739 & the several addresses therein mentioned were read.

*Also a Copy of his Majesty's Commission to the Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty bearing Date the 30th day of November in the 13th year of his reign for the Tryal & Condemnation of Prizes.

And also their Lordships Warrant to the Court of Vice Admiralty here dated the 13th day of Dec'r 1739 to proceed to the Tryal & Condemnation of Prizes.

Also two Letters from the r't honoble the Duke of Newcastle the one dated the 29th Oct'r 1739, the other the ffith day of Jan'ry in the same Year.

Upon consideration of w'ch said several Letters It is the Op'n of the board that the Govern'r issue Procl'n to encourage Persons to list in his Majesty's Service upon the further Encouragem't of entering into imediate pay & receiving two Guinea's each Man at the time of their Imbarkation.

April 18th, 1740.

P'SENT:

The Govern'r.

James Blair	William Randolph
Will'm Bird	John Custis
John Robinson	John Tayloe
Cole Diggs	Thos. Lee, Esq'rs.
John Carter, Esq'r	John Grymes, Esq'r.
Philip Lightfoot, Esq'r.	

*These orders were, of course, in relation to the war with Spain, which had just begun. The American Colonies were directed by the English government to furnish troops. Virginia raised as her quota 400 men, and the Assembly provided £5,000 for their support. The Colonial contingent, consisting of a regiment of four battalions, was to be commanded by Alexander Spotswood, who was raised to the rank of Major General; but as he died, at Annapolis, Md., June 7, 1740, when about to embark, Governor Gooch took command. The Colonial troops joined at Jamaica those from England under Admiral Vernon and General Wentworth. After a success at Porto Bello the expedition was defeated at Carthagena, and the remnant of the American troops returned home.

The Duke of New Castle's Letter to the Governor dated Jan'y 5th 1739 was again read upon cons'n. Whereof It is the Opinion of the board That the Men to be listed in pursuance of the said Letter receive 2s.6. when listed that their pay be a Pistole a Month & that instead of two Guineas they receive three Pistoles at the time of their Embarkation w'ch may be assigned. And that till they Embark they be found in Provision at the King's Expense and Quarter'd at such places as the Govern'r shall appoint.

The Govern'r is likewise desired to Issue rights to the Value of 500.

Or'd a new Commission issue for Caroline.

Ord'd That a Proclamation Issue for putting the Laws in Ex'n ag'st Vagabonds.

April 30th, 1740.

P'SENT:

The Govern'r.

James Blair	John Curtis
Will'm Byrd	John Tayloe
Cole Diggs	Philip Lightfoot, Esq'rs.
John Robinson	John Carter
Jno Grymes	

A new Commission to Issue for Gloucester.

Sam'l Buckner & Beverley Whiting to be of the Quorum & David Alexander & John Thruston to be added.

For Middlesex. John Smith to be added next the Quorum Christopher Curtis.

For James City. John Graeme to be added.

North'ton to be added Will'm Smith, John Savage, John Marshall, Edmund Custis, Dighby Seamour, John Roberts of Occahannock.

Isle Wight. Will'm Hodsden, Etheldr'd Taylor, Richard Hardy, Benj'n Clement, James Ridley, Howell Edmunds & John Dunkley.

Mr. Receiv'r General exhibited his Acc't of contingent Charges from the 25th of October 1739 to the 28th Apr. 1740 & the same was considered & allowed.

Also an Account of Work done at the Gov'r's House from the 25th of October, 1739. to the 25th April 1740 & the same was considered & allowed.

Ord'd,

That his Majesty's Warrant to the Receiv'r General for — dated the 23d of Jan'r 1739 be register'd in the Council Books.

May 26, 1740.

P'SENT:

The Govern'r.

John Robinson

Jno. Custis

John Carter

Will'm Randolph &

Jno. Grymes

Thos. Lee Esq'rs.

It is this Day ordered that no Person impowered to enlist persons for his Majesty's Service do p'sume to enlist Servants upon any pr'tense whatsoever & that this ord'r be forthwith printed & published in the Gazette that no person may pr'tend ignorance thereof.

May 28, 1740.

P'SENT:

The Govern'r.

James Blair

John Grymes

Cole Diggs

John Custis

John Robinson

William Randolph &

John Carter

Philip Lightfoot, Esq'rs.

The Govern'r acquainted the board that as some estimate might now be made of what Number of Men might be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service he had proposed to send a Messenger to Phyladelphia to hire Vessels to transport them but that he had been last Night informed by the Gentlemen of Norfolk that a sufficient Number of Vessels might be hired here; Whereupon *Mr. Boush, Mr. Walke & Mr. Hutchins were

* Prominent merchants and ship-owners of Norfolk.

called in and confirmed the same. And Mr. Boushe & Mr. Walke informing the board that they did not propose to send any Vessel of their own upon the Service aforesaid. And Mr. Hutchins declaring that he was willing to contract for the Hire of one or more Vessels was desired to make an Estimate of the expense of Hiring such Vessel or Vessels according to the Tonage by the Month to be laid before the Board to Morrow Morning.

Saturday, May 31, 1740.

P'SENT:

The Govern'r.

John Carter

William Randolph.

John Grymes

John Tayloe &

Phi: Lightfoot, Esq'rs.

Pr'sent James Blair, Esq'r.

The Govern'r acquainted the Board that he had advanced the Bounty Money, to be paid at the time of enlisting, to a considerable Number of Men that have been raised pursuant to a Letter which he rec'd from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle dated the 5th of January last, & that they are now impatient to receive their pay; The Board taking that matter into consideration are of Opinion That it must be very much for his Majesty's Service to subsist the Men that have been so raised & do advise that His Hon'r subsist them upon his own Credit, 'till the arrival of Colo. Blaikney or until such time as he shall be further informed of his Majesty's Pleasure concerning the same.

The Board being informed That Mr. Hutchins had made an estimate of the Expense that Vessels might be hired for to transport the Men that have been or shall be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service as had been mentioned to him on Wednesday last, He was called in and after some proposals made to him which he refused to accept at last agreed to provide 350 Ton of Shipping for the Purpose aforesaid furnished with Hearths and Coppers sufficient for dressing Victuals for the said Men, according to the Burthen of each respective Vessel &

also to provide & put on board sufficient Water Casks, Water, Candles & Fewel for the Voyage Which Vessels shall be ready to take on board the s'd Men, so furnished & provided as aforesaid by the 15th of July next, and also agree to Victual the Sailors at his own Expense for & in consideration of 15s. Sterling p. Ton by the Month for the first three Months & afterwards at the rate of 14s. Sterling p. Ton by the Month for so long time as the said Vessels shall continue in his Majesty's Service after the first three Months. Which Vessels are to enter into pay (being ready and provided as aforesaid) on the said last day of June [?] But if before that time the said Hutchins shall have Notice from the Govern'r that such Vessels are not wanted the said Hutchins agreed to accept one Months pay at the rate first mentioned but he is also to be reimbursed what loss he shall sustain by the Water Casks, Furnaces & Hearths by him provided in pursuance of this Agreement. And if the said Vessels shall actually begin & enter upon a Voyage in the Service aforesaid then the said Hutchins is to receive three Months pay at the first mentioned rate notwithstanding such Voyage shall be sooner countermanded. And in case the said Hutchins shall fail to provide Shipping according to his Agreem't afores'd by the time herein before limited then he agrees to forfeit one Months pay according to the rate at which he is to be paid for the first three Months and that the said Vessels so to be by him provided as aforesaid shall not enter into pay till the Twentyeth day of July next.

The Terms of which Agreement the Board do approve of.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)